

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Masaki Mori et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3693
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Application No.: 10/620,594)	Examiner: Samuel Weis
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Filed: July 17, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 9294
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For: OCCUPANT DETERMINING DEVICE)	
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

On October 21, 2008, an interview regarding the above-referenced application was conducted. Participants included the undersigned and Examiners Samuel Weis and Stefanos Karmis. During the interview, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,200, hereinafter the Hamada reference, was discussed with respect to this application's pending claims. It was agreed that those portions of Hamada relied upon in the most recent Office Action do not appear to anticipate the claims.

The Examiners then indicated that the Hamada reference would be further studied to determine if, in the Examiners' opinion, other portions of the reference exist that are more relevant to the claims than the portions relied upon in the June 13, 2008 Official Action. If not, the Examiners stated that they would update their search to determine the existence of relevant prior art. In either case, one of the Examiners would then contact the undersigned to discuss the Examiners' findings.

The Examiners told the undersigned that they would take the above action without the need for Applicants to file a response. The Examiners also indicated that they plan to contact the undersigned prior to the next due date of November 13, 2008. Thus, a response is not being filed at this time.

If the Examiners disagree in any way with the foregoing statement, the Examiners
are kindly asked to contact the undersigned to discuss the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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